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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Colonies

BRITISH politicians and newspapers this last week have resurrected an old, but interesting subject—the holding of a "Colonial Congress" at regular intervals, designed to bring together non-official members of colonial legislatures and to promote a stronger sense of "active participating membership" in the Commonwealth. The conception was first put forward nine years ago. Several variations of the main idea have been advanced from time to time, one being that there should be regular meetings of Colonial leaders (not only of indigenous races) interested in some special aspect of affairs—agriculture, education, the financing of new industries, and so on. Hongkong cannot claim to have displayed a lively appreciation of the potentialities of a "Colonial Congress." From time to time tentative suggestions have been put forward that the Colony should have a "spokesman" in the House of Commons through whom Hongkong's own problems could be more forcibly explained in public. But this proposition, while attractive, can scarcely be considered feasible.

It has been suggested by one Member of Parliament that an imposing obstacle to the "Colonial Congress" idea is the "depressing lack of public concern in Britain." It is, unfortunately, true that the public at home are neither particularly well informed nor eagerly interested in colonial affairs. Nevertheless the charge of apathy is chiefly to be laid at the doors of the colonies themselves. Moreover, the colonies display no vital concern over colonial problems as a whole; they confine attention to their own domestic troubles and have so far shown no inclination to interrelate problems, though in many cases these are of common origin, and could either be resolved or at least alleviated by a common formula. The fact is we are a long way from the stage of Commonwealth fair shares where consideration would be devoted to the interests of all units of the Colonial empire, rather than those of individual segments. The creation of a "Colonial Congress" could, however, be an important first step towards this objective.

Asian Conference Decision About To Be Reached

BIG THREE MINISTERS SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS

Berlin, Feb. 17. The three Western foreign ministers today were reported to be consulting their governments for new instructions concerning an Asian conference with Communist China, according to a reliable source here tonight.

This morning the Big Four met in restricted session to discuss the first point on the Soviet agenda dealing with measures to reduce international tension and the calling of a five-power conference with Communist China.

The source stated that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, had presented new proposals concerning a conference on Asian problems with the Peking government and that the discussions had now reached the stage where the Western ministers had to consult their governments for new instructions.

This morning's session was the fifth restricted session of the present Berlin conference and reports stated that it appeared that the issues to be discussed with Communist China would be Korea and Southeast Asia, particularly Indo-China.

Reliable sources stated that the Soviet proposal to discuss with Communist China measures to reduce overall international tension would most likely be dropped.

The thorny problem of the convening of the conference still remained to be settled, it was stated.

At the second restricted meeting, Geneva was proposed as the conference site and this did not meet with any objections from Mr. Molotov.

Today, however, the most important point at issue appeared to be that created by the Soviet Foreign Minister's insistence on having Communist China placed on an equal footing with the four other powers.

PROGRESS MADE

The fact that the foreign ministers were now discussing various points of the draft under examination was an indication, reliable sources said, that constructive progress was being made towards a meeting with Communist China.

As the Berlin conference drew to its close today, the Far Eastern issue appeared to be the only one on which agreement had been reached.

French quarters, led by M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, are anxious that this point on the Big Four agenda should not be dropped and today it was reported that a "precise formula" had been introduced in the discussions on Communist China.

Informed quarters said that the "precise formula" was vague enough to permit the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, to say that there would be no "five-power conference" with Communist China and Mr. Molotov to say just the opposite.

Both Mr. Dulles and M. Bidault were consulting their respective governments, it was reported, and this was taken to indicate that a decision, one way or the other, was about to be reached.

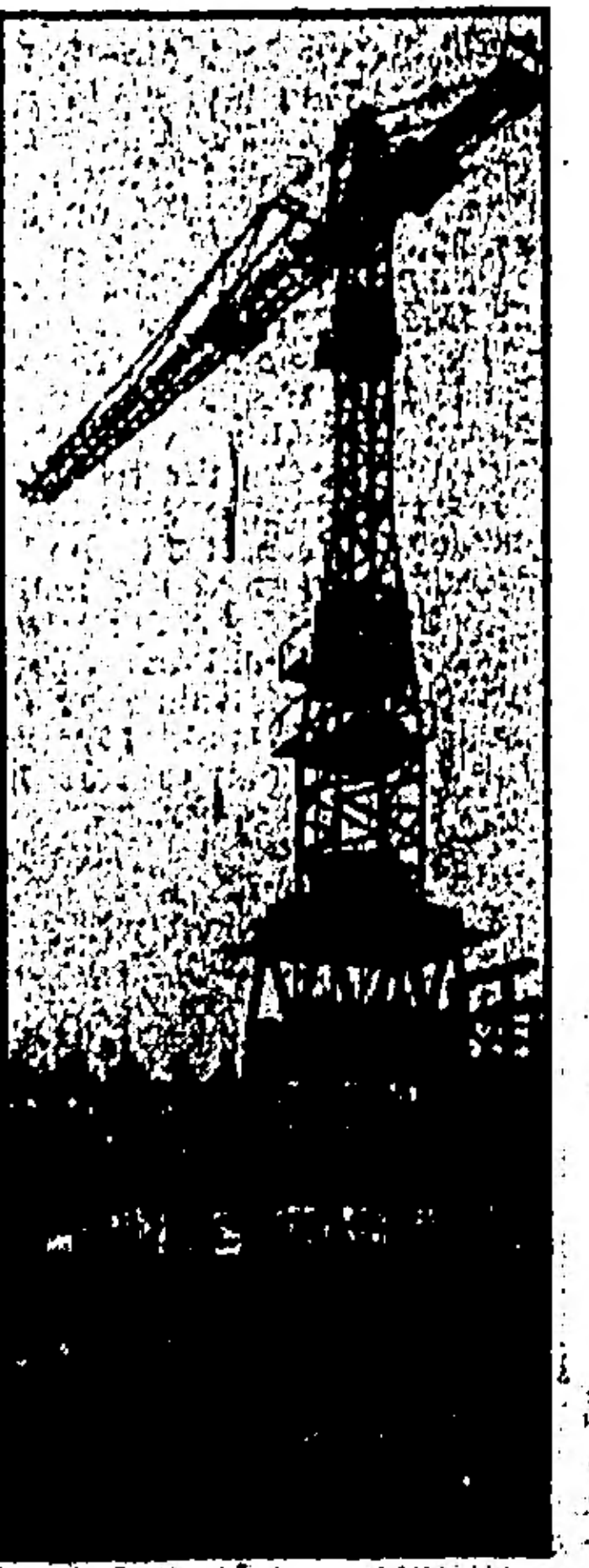
It was pointed out today that, so far, the Big Four had not taken any initiative in closing the debates in Berlin though Mr. Dulles was stated to be determined to leave on Thursday since he has an appointment on that evening with the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, at the Wahn Airport, near Bonn.

It was also reported that Mr. Dulles had promised President Eisenhower to be in Washington on Saturday as the President was planning to leave very shortly for a vacation in the west of the United States.

Meanwhile, French circles today showed confidence in the outcome of the Far Eastern talks held in secret this morning and pointed to a success which would be announced tomorrow.

—France-Press.

New Sight In London



A new sight in the city of London is this giant crane, 170 feet high and weighing 215,000 lbs. The crane, which comes from Germany, has been erected in the middle of a site for a new office block. The crane is operated by one man from a cabin halfway up the tower and is powered by electricity. Six tons can be lifted at a radius of 13 feet from the base, or 1½ tons at a radius of 82 feet. —London Express Photograph.

The Queen Mother's US Visit

Two Engagements Announced

Washington, Feb. 17. Mr. James Hagerly, White House Press Secretary, announced today that the Queen Mother would attend Columbia University's Charter Day convocation in New York on October 31 during her forthcoming autumn visit to the United States.

On November 3, she will attend the annual dinner of the English-Speaking Union in New York, he said.

A London announcement from Clarence House said the Queen Mother will also formally accept the King George VI memorial fund raised by the English-Speaking Union for scholarships for British students at American universities.

Apart from the two engagements announced tonight, other plans are yet to be completed. Her Majesty's stay at the White House will be from November 4-6.

According to the present arrangements, neither Princess Margaret nor any other member of the Royal family will accompany the Queen Mother. It is possible she will fly over the Atlantic, though the question of transport has yet to be decided.

It will be the Queen Mother's second visit to the United States. The first was in June 1939 with King George VI when she was the guest of President Roosevelt.

Columbia University was founded under charter from King George II in 1754. The American King George VI memorial fund was launched in November 1952 under the sponsorship of the English-Speaking Union of the United States with the object of raising half a million dollars. —China Mail Special.

Motorist's Mean Act

Oklahoma, City, Feb. 17. Gerald Weldemann, a student at Oklahoma City University, rides a motorcycle despite a broken leg. Yesterday he told the Police that his crutches fell off and he stopped to pick them up. At the same time, a passing motorist stopped, jumped out of his convertible and picked up the crutches. Weldemann was about to thank the man when the latter tossed the crutches in his car and drove off. —United Press.

Village Massacre By Reds

1,400 Inhabitants Mown Down

Hanoi, Feb. 17. The French authorities tonight announced that Communists ridding the Vietnamese Catholic village of Than Thuong, 40 miles southeast of Hanoi, slaughtered an estimated 1,400 inhabitants, including the village priest, in a machine-gun massacre.

The Reds burned down and dynamited the 2,000-inhabitant village of Than Thuong in the staunchly Catholic Thai Binh Province after massacring the population, the French said. Only 600 villagers who worked in the surrounding rice fields escaped the Vietnamese "Oradour" (Oradour was a French village obliterated by the Nazis in World War II).

The Communist raiders came disguised as peaceful peasants, their automatic weapons skillfully camouflaged in flowing garb and baskets. They surged on to the Catholic militia, mowing them down with sub-machinegun fire, according to survivors.

CHURCH DESTROYED

The Communists seized Father Anh, head of the Catholic community, broke into the church and set it afire. They also destroyed the local orphanage and school.

The bodies of the slain were thrown into mass graves before the rebels withdrew. The French authorities reported. The number of slain is being put at the 1,400 mark.

A French mobile column reached the scene yesterday and immediately began organizing relief for the survivors.

Meanwhile the French garrison in Dien Bien Phu launched another heavily armed reconnaissance attack against rebels in the area. The new attack was a costly one, as enemy Vietminh troops apparently slipped away in the face of savage barrages from the Dien Bien Phu gun emplacements. The French column retired safely to rejoin the garrison. —United Press.

Savage Battle With Mau Mau Terrorists

Nairobi, Feb. 17. Troops locked with bugle-blowing Mau Mau terrorists today in one of the sharpest battles of Kenya's unofficial war.

A terrorist band 200 strong swooped on the little town of Thika, 35 miles north of here, during the night. After a night of carnage, police and troops arrived and beat the terrorists back in house-to-house fighting, then pursued them in a running battle into the countryside.

The terrorists used rifles and long-bladed panga knives. They attacked the town shortly after midnight, blowing bugles and firing their rifles.

The Europeans shuttered their homes and grabbed rifles as the terrorists moved through the town. An African burman at the Thika Golf Club was dragged screaming from his bar and hacked to death.

The police said 19 terrorists were known to have been killed in the following night but the final death toll probably would rise above 50. Police at nearby Kandara police post were prevented from going to the aid of beleaguered Thika this morning by another gang of Mau Mau who stormed the post in broad daylight.

Reds Offer To Ban Procession

Berlin, Feb. 17. Soviet authorities were reported tonight to have offered to ban a Communist anti-EDC (European Defence Community) demonstration in East Berlin on Thursday if the West will stop an anti-Molotov "silent march" which trade union leaders are planning to stage.

French delegation sources said the Russians made the offer last night. "Put preparations for both demonstrations were in full swing today."

At the end of the Big Four conference, Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has to make a five-minute journey to the East sector from the former Allied Control building in the American sector.

During that time, the West Berlin trade union leaders expect 30,000 to 40,000 to take part in the silent demonstration against him. But Western police are not sure if it will remain a silent march. They fear the organizers may not be able to control the crowd, leading to a rush towards the Soviet Minister's house.

The Western demonstration will blame Mr. Molotov for the Big Four failure. The Eastern one will claim that it was Western Ministers who torpedoed hopes of German unity.

The West Berlin demonstration at 5 p.m., GMT, will be headed by 400 trade unionists with torches, together with borough mayors and politicians of all parties. If no banners or political flags are allowed, to start two hours earlier, will be nearly two miles away on the Unter den Linden, on the far side of a well-guarded sector boundary.

Police said they expected no clashes between them. —Reuter.

Suit Filed Against Chaplin

Hollywood, Feb. 17. A suit to force comedian Charles Chaplin to post security for support payments on behalf of his 10-year-old daughter, Carol Ann Barry, was filed in the Superior Court today. The case, the actor said, was never returning to the United States.

Mr. Chaplin has been paying for the girl's upkeep since a Superior Court ordered that he support the child, he was accused of fathering by his former protégé, Joan Barry. —United Press.

Sicilian Rioters Killed

Rome, Feb. 17. The Communist Party called a nationwide "demonstration of mourning and protest" against the government of Premier Mario Scelba tonight after four Sicilians were killed and nine wounded in a clash with police.

The clash occurred in Mussumeli, a town of 13,800 in Central Sicily, island of Signor Scelba's birth, and had no connection with the nationwide series of strikes and demonstrations called by the Communists in hopes of unseating Signor Scelba's government.

But Signor Scelba goes before the Senate tomorrow for confirmation as Premier and the Reds moved swiftly to block approval of the man who kept their Party in check during the seven years he was Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of Alcide de Gasperi.

Signor Scelba himself called an emergency Cabinet meeting tonight to cope with the strikes and hot Red efforts to turn the Sicilian incident into vicious anti-government propaganda. But the Communist Party, second largest outside the Soviet, moved swiftly.

The 13 victims of the Mussumeli incident were transported after the police fired tear gas in an effort to break up their demands for a better water supply.

One boy and three elderly women were killed and 100 people, including 100 women, were wounded. The bodies of the slain were taken to the Sicilian town of Palermo.

French Speed Claim

Paris, Feb. 17. France cautiously claimed today to have produced the first plane to take off by itself and break the sound barrier in level flight.

The event occurred last December when a prototype of France's latest jet fighter, the rocket-powered "Espanon" SO-0028, piloted by Charles Gouyon, took off and later flew at a speed of more than Mach 1 at an altitude of 13,000 metres (32,653 feet).

Previously, planes cracking the sound barrier either did it in dives or were taken up to high altitudes by heavier planes, such as the American rockets launched from a B-29, French officials said.

An official of the Societe Nationale des Constructions Aeronautiques du Sud-Ouest, makers of the plane, said today: "To my belief this is the first time a plane has ever cracked the sound barrier in those conditions." —United Press.

Woman Absconds With \$5300,000

Singapore, Feb. 18. Singapore police have been investigating reports that a middle-aged woman absconded with more than \$5300,000 in money.

The woman was reported to have left by air for Paris with her young daughter a few days ago. It is believed that more than 100 people, including 100 women, were involved in the scheme. The woman is said to have been in the city of London.

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CLASH OVER US ARMS FOR SPAIN

Hostile Questions Asked In House Of Commons

London, Feb. 17.

The Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, today defended American shipments of arms to Spain against sharp hostile Labour questions in the House of Commons.

He assured the House the arms could not be used against Britain or France.

At the same time, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr A. D. Dods-Parker, said the British Ambassador in Madrid has been instructed to take up the matter of the British Vice-Consul at Cadiz not being allowed to attend a smuggling trial involving a British ship in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Housewives INSIST On Paying MORE!

The shopping habits of British housewives are puzzling their grocers. Women are demanding "quality" goods and they insist on paying higher prices. They have lost the pre-war custom of going from shop to shop to save pennies, according to London reports.

The grocer's dilemma was explained by Major E. K. Edwards, vice-president of the National Federation of Wholesale Grocers, at a conference in London last night.

He held up two tins of beans. One, a large tin (16 ounces) sells at 7½d. The other, half the size, costs 10d. There is practically no difference in taste or quality. Which does the housewife generally choose?

"Why the smaller tin, costing double," said Major Edwards, "have another example of sadistic buying."

Two types are on sale in the same shop. One is from Ministry stocks, selling at 6½d, or 7½d, a tin. The other, a bristling, costs 1s. 10d. But it sells.

"That is the sort of thing that puzzles the grocer," said Major Edwards. "Of course, the bristling is packed in olive oil, but that should not tempt a housewife to pay 1s. 10d. more."

The reason for all this, he thinks, is that many wives with jobs have more money, less time.

Is there a snob value on high price goods?

NO MARKET LEFT

Major Edwards would not say, but he did say that in some cases where brands of quality foods offered at modest prices had not sold well, he advised the manufacturers to "put a bid on it."

The pursuit of quality was making it hard for manufacturers who catered for a cheap market before the war. "Now," he said, "they are having difficulty in finding a market at all." Most noticeable goods in this category were sausages, jams and soups.

There is another indication of changing shopping habits. Stocks of tinned milk are piling up so heavily that some manufacturers are cutting down production. That, said Major Edwards, was the result of the higher standard of living and the distribution of fresh milk in schools.

Canada's Atomic Pile Working

Ottawa, Feb. 17.

The atomic pile at Chalk River, Ontario, is now working again after two years' inactivity due to an atomic information package, said Dr. James R. Macdonald, Minister of Science and Technical Services.

This is the first occasion on which an atomic reactor had been dismantled and rebuilt, he added. —France-Press.

Labour Member of Parliament Mr Eric Fletcher brought up the arms question by asking if the Government would make "presentations" to the United States about supplying American tanks to Spain before British, French and other North Atlantic Treaty needs were fully met.

"No," Mr Lloyd replied. "We know the United States Government have fully in mind the requirements of their NATO allies."

Mr Fletcher retorted it was "obnoxious" and "perverse" of the United States to supply tanks to Spain at a time when France and other NATO countries still were anxious for them.

Mr Lloyd: The supply of American armaments to these other countries had a considerable time to develop. He added that under the United States Spanish agreement there were very definite limitations on the use to which Spain could put the arms.

AGAINST GIBRALTAR?

Labour MP, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, a former Minister, asked if they would be used against Britain in Gibraltar and against France in Morocco.

"It is absolutely clear that the assistance given in this way could not be used for the kind of purpose suggested," Mr Lloyd replied.

Mr Dods-Parker told another Labour Member, Mr Hector Hughes, he was aware Spain had refused visas to Mr Percy Knight, national organizer for the National Union of Seamen and a member of the Labour Party Executive, and to Mr Saul Rose, Secretary of the Labour Party's International Department.

But he replied "no" when he was asked if he had inquired why the visas were refused. He said that by international practice no sovereign state was required to give a reason for a refusal.

NO RECIPROCALITY

He also told Mr Hughes there was no reciprocity.

A Conservative MP, Mr Bernard Braine, asked about the Spanish seizure of the British vessel *Serve* last month in the Mediterranean on a charge of smuggling. Mr Dods-Parker replied a Cadiz Court would hand down a verdict on February 25.

"We must await the verdict," Mr Dods-Parker said. "Meanwhile, I should inform the House that Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Cadiz was not permitted to attend the trial."

He added the British Ambassador in Madrid had been instructed to take the matter "up in any case."

TOW IN ANY CASE

Mr Braine said the Spaniards justified their seizure by claiming that they could tow in the ship of 100 tons or less in the Straits of Gibraltar.

This, he charged, constituted interference with Her Majesty's mails and he asked whether the "unhappy" possible representation would be made to Spain at the appropriate time.

Mr Dods-Parker said the Government would have to wait the final decision of where the ship was when seized. —United Press.

Report On Japan's Future Was "Optimistic"

Washington, Feb. 17.

The United States Ambassador to Japan, Mr John Allison, was reported to have given a Congressional committee today a "basically optimistic" report on Japan's future.

The Ambassador, who arrived in Washington last week for consultations, appeared at a private session of a Far East sub-committee of the House of Representatives to report on the economic and political situation in Japan.

The sub-committee Chairman, Mr Walter Judd, (Republican Minnesota) later quoted the Ambassador as telling that Japan was now taking "a more realistic" approach to her economic difficulties.

Its added, "Allison is basically optimistic, as our Government is, with respect to Japan's future and the interests of the free world and ourselves in that part of the world."

The Chairman said discussions had included such subjects as Japanese rearmament and defence problems, the temper of the Japanese people on economic and political and other problems confronting them, proposals for a Pacific defence pact and Japan's relations with Korea, China and the United States.

"We are quite aware of the grave difficulties facing the Japanese people because of the basic shortages of natural resources plus the devastation of war and debilitation of economy," Mr Judd said.

"The Japanese people are recovering from the shock of what they went through and they are regaining their traditional fortitude and willingness to do what is necessary to solve their problems," —Reuter.

Crown Princess Has Daughter

Luxembourg, Feb. 17.

Crown Princess Josephine-Charlotte of Luxembourg gave birth to a daughter. A Court communiqué announced today.

The baby Princess will be named Maria, the communiqué said. It added that "the mother and the baby were doing well."

—Reuter.

O'Daniel Has Plans For Training French Union Forces

Washington, Feb. 17.

Lieutenant-General John W. O'Daniel will leave Honolulu shortly for Indo-China to take up the position of chief U.S. military representative. He will take with him detailed plans as to how U.S. training officers can help French training teams in Indo-China to train forces of the three Associated States; it was learned authoritatively today.

These American training officers have had experience training Greek, Yugoslav and South Korean troops since World War II and U.S. officials believe these officers will be able to give a much-needed stability to the French union forces.

The Administration assured Congressional leaders the U.S. had no intention of undertaking direct intervention in the fighting in Indo-China.

Reliable United States sources said today the French Government has agreed that Lieutenant-General John W. O'Daniel could leave for Indo-China shortly as chief United States military representative there.

General O'Daniel would confer with the French High Command in Indo-China about the National Defence Department's offer to participate with the French in training the forces of the Associated States.

He is now busy in Honolulu finalizing details for his departure for Indo-China. General O'Daniel is expected to leave for Indo-China within the next seven days. He should arrive there in time to confer with the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, and the Chief of the General Staff, General Paul Ely.

He will take with him detailed plans as to how United States military training in Indo-China could help the French training teams in Indo-China to train Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian forces.

But the Defence Department did not intend taking direction of training of local forces in Indo-China from the French. The Department believed, however, that the know-how acquired by United States training experts in Greece and Korea could be very useful in helping the French to train these forces.


Admiral Radford yesterday reassured Congressional leaders the United States did not intend undertaking direct intervention in the fighting in Indo-China but there was the utmost necessity to do everything short of that to prevent South-East Asia from falling a victim to Communist aggression. —United Press.

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EIGHTH ARMY ALERTED IN KOREA

Rhee Government's Threat To Interfere With Departure Of Indians

Seoul, Feb. 18.

The U.S. Eighth Army stood ready today to halt any South Korean interference with the departure of Indian troops for home as the Republic Government showed no signs of backing down from its latest threat.

The Rhee government has said it will "keep" Indian troops in Korea unless they guarantee the welfare of 76 anti-Red Korean former prisoners who chose to go to neutral nations. These men are now en route to India by ship.

General Maxwell Taylor yesterday told the South Koreans he would brook no interference with Indian troop movements and the Eighth Army would "deal appropriately with any interference to the discharge of those duties."

A similar South Korean threat to use force against the Indians drew American wrath after D. Syngman Rhee said it would take "some action" if the Indians did not release anti-Red prisoners from neutral stockades.

General Taylor again outlined his policy in a letter to the ROK.

Defence Minister, Admiral Sohn Wun, there was no immediate reaction from the government and none was expected until high-level officials had conferred with President Rhee.

The ROK Provost Marshal, General Won Tong Duk, who delayed signing of the truce last June by releasing more than 27,000 anti-Red Korean prisoners from South Korean stockades on President Rhee's orders, opened the campaign against the Indian withdrawal three days ago.

COULD DO LITTLE

He was backed yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Pyun Yung Tue, who nevertheless admitted the ROK government could do little but "express disappointment" if American troops did protect the Indians.

In the meantime, the Indian troopship Jalapogal was scheduled to arrive at Incheon on Friday morning and an advance Indian baggage party was set to journey to the port by train to begin loading operations.

About 2,000 Indian troops still remain in the neutral zone. The Indians also were scheduled to turn over 18 prisoners to the U.N. Command today.

They are the last of thousands placed in Indian custody last September and include 17 men accused of prison camp murders. The 18th is a witness.—United Press.

Jet Services To South America

Bogota, Feb. 17. A spokesman for the British Overseas Airways Corporation said today that the airline plan to establish jet liner service between all South American capitals and between South America and Europe.

BOAC's general manager for Latin America and manager for Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua arrived from Rio de Janeiro to discuss plans for the new service.

British "Comet" jets would be used in the proposed service.—United Press.

Advice By Phone

London, Feb. 17.

A Baptist Church Minister has begun an "advice on the telephone" service because he believes many people are too shy to seek a personal interview on spiritual or domestic matters.

The Rev. W. Peter West, of north-east London, treats all calls in strict confidence and callers remain anonymous.

Women who wish to discuss problems with a member of their own sex are referred to a deaconess of the church.

A similar scheme was started in an American city and in two years four ministers were needed to deal with the 47,000 calls received.—China Mail Special.

Marshal Tito: "Atom Pact Is Inevitable"

Paris, Feb. 17.

An agreement on atomic energy between the Soviet Union and the United States was not only possible but inevitable, the Yugoslavian President Marshal Tito stated in an interview with Elliot Newcombs, General Secretary of the World Veterans Federation released today in Paris.

Marshal Tito described President Dwight Eisenhower's plan for an atomic pool as one of the best suggestions yet made.

Speaking on the prospects for world peace he said: "I can not say that the danger of war is completely eliminated for the moment or in a distant future but I believe that given the present situation, peace can be preserved for a certain number of years."

He went on to say that an independent Austria where the occupation forces had been withdrawn was essential to eliminate the constant danger of an Anschluss.

He favoured efforts to overcome obstacles to the unification of Europe but added that economic and political antagonism between the European nations must be first settled.

He concluded his interview by calling on the World Veterans Federation to carry on the fight for international co-operation and world peace.—France-Press.

UK Comment On Naguib's Gift To Sudan

London, Feb. 17.

Egyptian President Mohammed Naguib's statement that he would give the Sudan Government five training aircraft and equipment for 1,000 soldiers was greeted in authoritative circles here with the statement that "the British Government welcomes anything which will genuinely constitute to the furthering of the independence of the Sudan."

The gift is to be made after March 1. The British Government does not envisage making a similar gesture at this moment, Whitehall circles said.—France-Press.

15 Acres Of Cornish Headland Given To The Nation

London, Feb. 17.

A Cornish headland of about 15 acres, giving views of the rocky coast of the Atlantic ocean, has been presented to the nation as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth.

Mr. W. Boney, who gave the land to the Nation Trust, a charitable organisation, which preserves old buildings and places of natural beauty for the nation, has asked also that the land may be a tribute to the Queen's father, King George VI.

Years ago, Boney, states and building were quarried on the land and long, dark, red small ships which anchored under the cliffs. The old building and leading platform are in a garden. The land is in a garden. The land is in a garden.—United Press.

Swans Like Skating Too On Wimbledon Common



Swans skim over the icebound pond and the picture comes from Britain — Wimbledon Common on the outer edge of London where such cold spells as the present one are most unusual. — Reuterphoto.

Greece's Youthful Crazy Gang

Father Who Lost His Best Trousers Wants The Existentialists Banned

Athens, Feb. 17.

The Athens Chief of Police, Mr. Nikolaos Tsoussias, has asked the relevant authorities to "ban and dissolve" the existentialist Diogenes Club here. In his request, he states: "the existentialist club has deviated from its original purpose and shown, by its various activities, a complete negation of moral principles."

This step follows a drive by the Greek police to put an end to the jokes and Carnival-like behaviour of members of the existentialist movement in Athens.

While the existentialists themselves, through their leached President, 35-year-old Simos Tsapnides, declare their main purpose is "to live in an original way", police have for some time not been convinced that their originality would remain innocuous if allowed to continue unchecked.

Before the formal request was made for the dissolution of the existentialists' club, a high Athens police official said: "We have come to the conclusion that our Greek existentialists are, in fact, competing with each other to see who can act the more crazily."

Simos, however, says: "Our primary aim is to give a joyful look to the sad era in which we are living. We always want to have a smile on our face and to make others smile too."

NO RIGHT

The police had no right to interfere with the activities of the Diogenes Club which had received the formal approval of the Athens Civic Court in August last year and was therefore a legal organisation, he said.

The main activities of the Athens existentialists are parties held at their headquarters, known as "the Flying Hut" — a tumble-down, two-storey wooden hut in a narrow Athens street below the Akropolis.

The hut is used by their President as a workshop where he makes canvas tents in the daytime.

From the outside, the Flying Hut looks as though, at the first gust of wind, it would live up to its name and float off or collapse. Inside, a rickety wooden staircase leads to the room used by the existentialists as a Club room. Furnishings are scant, consisting only of a few half-broken chairs and tables.

An old hammock which has been converted into a piano, and a few other "instruments," such as dried up water melons, hanging from the sagging ceiling, make up the existentialist "band." Here, at their parties, members of the movement produce, according to the neighbours, "more noise than ten military bands put together."

FRENZIED RENDERINGS

The parties are said often to consist of dancing sessions which last sometimes for more than 12 hours and include frenzied renderings of the American biggie-woogie, as well as Greek national dances.

Most of the food eaten at these parties consists of herrings, salted sardines, onions or garlic, and salami dipped in vinegar or honey according to taste. This is all washed down with plenty of fermented Greek wine.—Reuter.

One such party was stopped by the police because of the noise. Some of the drunken young men and burlesque girls who were at the party, were held for a few hours questioning at a police station. Parties were then called in to the police station.—United Press.

approved of their children taking part in existentialist activities.

Some of the parents, particularly those of young girls, told the police that they were very definitely opposed to the existentialist activities of their children.

One father declared: "I am absolutely opposed to what appears to me to be an all-the-year-round carnival; I should really be grateful if you found some way of stopping it. A few days ago, I missed my best pair of trousers, only to find out later that they were being worn by my 15-year-old daughter at an existentialist party."

Simos Tsapnides, founder as well as the President of the Greek existentialist movement, is tall, well built, and bearded. The son of very poor parents, he had a hard time as a child, and today still lives in great poverty, making canvas tents and cheap boots.

While not disregarding the teachings of famous European existentialists such as the German Philosopher, Heidegger, the Swede, Kierkegaard, and the Frenchman, Jean Paul Sartre, Greek existentialists claim that they draw the essence of their ideology from domestic sources; namely, from the ancient Greek Philosopher, Diogenes, who lived around 323 B.C. and after whom they named their club.

Diogenes' birthplace, according to historians, was Sinopi, a small town in Asia Minor.

Simos also happens to have come from Sinopi, and proudly refers to his common origin with Diogenes.

The story is told that once when the Macedonian Emperor Alexander the Great, visited Diogenes who was sitting in the sunshine outside the big jar he was using as his sleeping quarters, he asked him: "What can I do for you?"

Answered the pauper Diogenes: "I should just like you to move out of the sun."

It is on the basis of such principles that modern Greek existentialists claim they should be "left alone to enjoy their own kind of fun."

Existentialists' activities, however, have not been entirely limited to parties. They have also published pamphlets propagating their ideas, helped in collections for the devastated Ionian Islands, and held meetings and round table conferences at which existentialist tenets are discussed.

Like their French colleagues, Greek existentialists usually wear clothes made up of multi-coloured rags sewn together. Lately the sign of adherence to the movements has been a huge safety pin attached to the lapel of their coats.

As for Simos, he is proud of his fashion innovations. "I am the one who introduced into Athens tight trousers, shorts in winter, painted socks, thick-soled shoes, and ties made from newspapers," he declared.—Reuter.

UK Cabinet Approves "New Look" Defence Programme

London, Feb. 17.

The British Cabinet today approved the country's record "new look" defence programme for the coming year. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, called the Cabinet into session at 10 Downing Street before the presentation of the annual defence White Paper tomorrow. Informed sources said the Cabinet gave its final approval.

After rising sharply for the last three years, the Defence budget is expected to taper off this year but still it will probably be a record peacetime high.

Britain, like the United States, is gearing her defence programme to the long haul for the cold war with Russia, in direct line with Sir Winston's instructions over the last two years.

The apparent failure of the Big Four conference in Berlin has only strengthened the belief here that the struggle will be a long one in which the West cannot afford to go bankrupt, the sources said.

The Defence Minister, Field Marshal Earl Alexander, outlined the defence programme to the Cabinet today.

STRATEGIC RESERVE

Lord Alexander recently laid down the broad lines of the long-haul defence programme in a speech in which he advocated a strategic reserve, based in Britain, which could quickly reinforce trouble spots where they occurred.

Sir Winston told the House of Commons earlier this month that if "proper and decent" arrangements could be made to settle the Suez Canal dispute with Egypt the troops there would help form the strategic reserve in Britain.

Some 80,000 troops are stationed in the Suez Canal Zone.—United Press.

Commons To Debate

4-Power Talks

London, Feb. 17.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, told the House of Commons today there would shortly be a Parliamentary debate on the Four Power Conference in Berlin.

Answering a Labour member, Mr. Lloyd said that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had met politicians of all West German parties in Berlin and there was a general agreement between them in support of Mr. Eden's proposals for a peace treaty with Germany.—France-Press.

OCCUPATION COSTS

Bonn, Feb. 17.

West Germany has agreed to go on paying the Western Allies occupation costs of 600 million Marks (about £250 million) monthly until June 30, 1954, unless the occupation ends before that.

The sum is the same as that paid until December 31, 1953, when the previous agreement on occupation costs expired.

Payments will cease earlier if the European Army Treaty and the Bonn Conventions ending the occupation regime are ratified before June 30, a Government announcement said.—Reuter.

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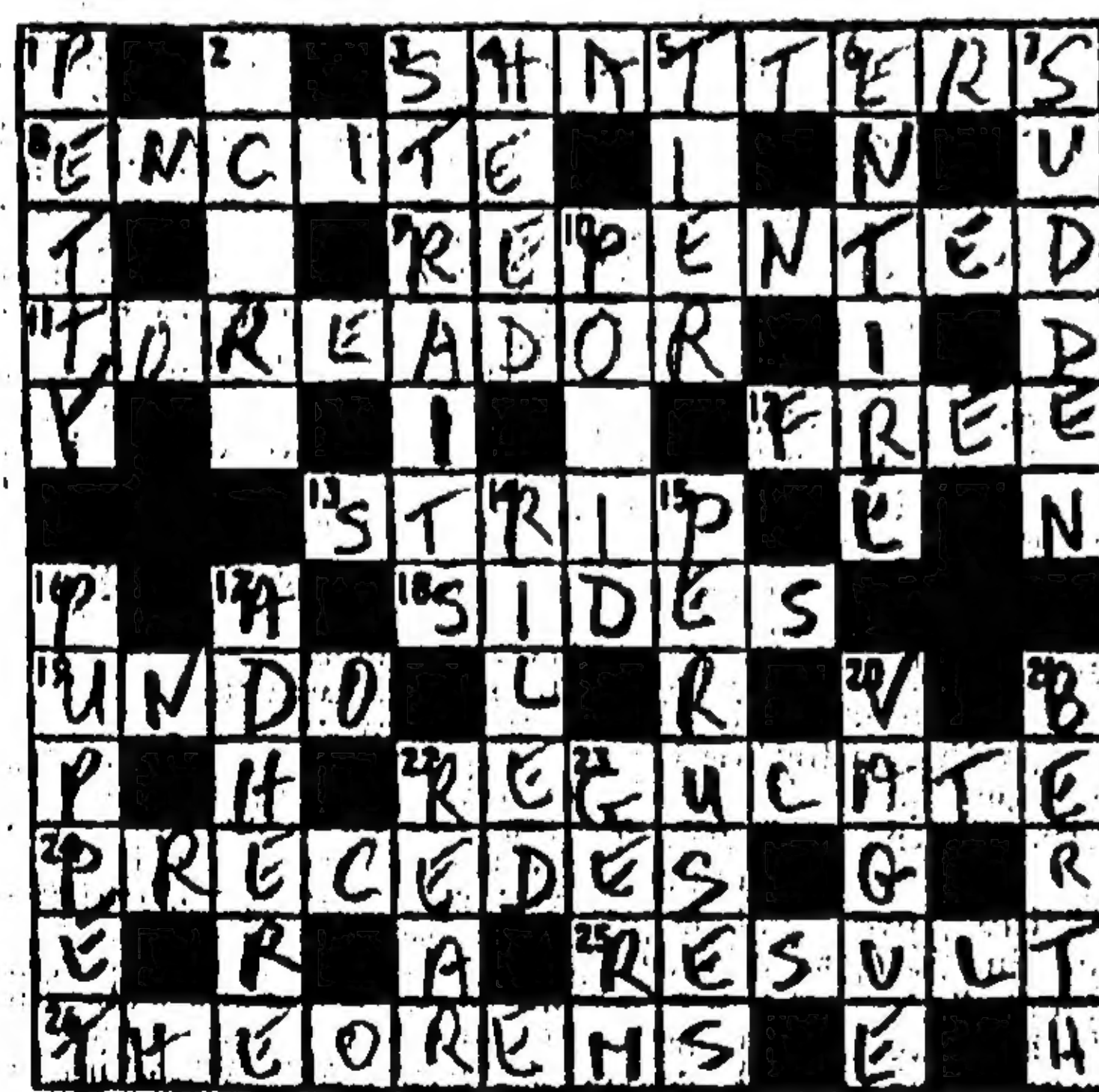
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'Unpersoning' Beria

By MAURICE MANNING

SUBSCRIBERS to that bible of the Communist faith, the Large Soviet Encyclopaedia, recently received an important notice from the publishers. This recommended that they should detach from Volume 5 of the Encyclopaedia four pages of text and a portrait and substitute for these a corresponding number of new pages. No reason was given for the amendment, which is the first to be made since the new edition of the Encyclopaedia started coming out.

Impelled by curiosity, I sought out a copy of Volume 5 and turned to the first of the condemned pages—21. This contained the concluding paragraphs of an article on the Behring Sea, followed by two short biographical entries and the first part of a longer one which included a photograph of a venerable-looking gentleman called Beritashvili. All these entries began with the letters BERI.

FOUR PAGES

On page 22, sure enough, staring out at me from the page opposite was the face of L.P. Beria, former Minister of Internal Affairs executed on December 23, 1953, on charges of trying to set his own Ministry above the Party and trying to drive a wedge between the other peoples of the USSR and the Russian people, with the aim of restoring capitalism. This was the portrait that was to be removed, and it was his biography, covering practically all of page 22 and nearly half of page 23, which was obviously the reason for the revision, although the publishers made no mention, in their instructions, of this point or of the identity of the person whose portrait was to be removed.

Four pages altogether had to be removed (the portrait was an insert, between pages 22 and 23), and the new entries had to be dovetailed to fit in with those on the adjoining pages. For the original page 21 was substituted an entirely new page of rather pointless photographs to go with the Behring Sea entry. The material formerly on page 21 made the new page 22. On page 23, all the material not dealing with Beria (or the village named after him) was retained and padded out by the addition of a 30-line biography of an obscure German diarist of the eighteenth century called Friedrich Wilhelm Bergholtz, never before included. Page 24 corresponded exactly with the same one in the original text.

GRIM ORWELL

In their notice to subscribers, the publishers of the Encyclopaedia recommended that the offending pages "should be cut out with scissors or a razor-blade, keeping a margin next to the spine of the book to which the new pages can be attached". Thus, once the substitution has

been carried out, it will be almost as though the original pages had never existed. Like Trotsky and others, Beria will simply have been subtracted from history.

Already, all portraits of him have been withdrawn, and pictures in the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow in which he appeared have been painted over to show Khrushchev in his place. Beria's writings are being withdrawn from libraries everywhere.

This is the process which, in George Orwell's grim fantasy "1984", depicting a totalitarian state in full development, is called becoming an "unperson." An "unperson" is someone who has fallen into disgrace with the Party, is dead, and according to current Party policy should never have lived at all. Every trace of his existence therefore is expunged. The hero of Orwell's novel, an assistant in the Records Department of the Ministry of Truth, when faced with the so-called "rectification" of a printed report concerning an "unperson," just cancelled out the report and substituted an entirely fictional story which he made up on the spur of the moment.

VERY CLOSE

The publishers of the Large Soviet Encyclopaedia, faced with a "rectification" of Beria's biography, cancelled it out (and also the entry on the village which was named after him) and substituted some pictures of the Behring Sea and a few paragraphs about an obscure German diarist. The resemblance in method is certainly close enough. Orwell's fantasy, which Communist critics dismissed as an alarmist's dream, was uncomfortably near reality.

Brooding on this manipulation of history, I found myself trying to imagine how the process is really carried out. Is there perhaps at this very moment in the Kremlin, hidden away somewhere along an obscure passage, a tiny group of people keeping one eye on the alphabet and the other on the fluctuations of political power measuring the length of various Encyclopaedia biographies, possibly even—dare I say it?—drafting additional material on such subjects as VISHNU, MOLYBDENUM, STALACTITES, or a forgotten Irish politician called MALONEY?

Who knows?



"O.K., Sir—if you insist that we leave your residence where it is we'll have to rebuild the runway like this."

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ONE WORD (heard in a bathtub!) brings back Hitler's shadow

Ordnungsmacht

It means that hunger for power again

SEFTON DELMER

hears in an unexpected spot—what the Germans are saying about the Big Four talks in Berlin....

from without. When at last I crushed through, a bit of the door came with me.

Two wives were sitting on the floor preparing a special ceremonial brew of the tribal beer for me.

The younger wife—she could not have been more than 16 or 17—seized a huge feathered goose wing and with a fine show of concern proceeded to fan me.

But the effort to master her feelings was too much for her. After four or five sweeps she collapsed, helpless with laughter.

So here I am now in the cure-house. It is a most impressive chateau built in Kaiser Bill's best and most costly imitation of Regency architecture.

Superb baths and massage rooms glow with the most glittering modern clinical equipment.

But just to make the place a real testing ground of German self-discipline there is also a platoon of waiters, a restaurant with delicious and fattening dishes, a cellar stocked with the best from Rhine and Rhone, and a cocktail bar.

That I have gone down a stone in seven days despite all these temptations shows just what a woman's laughter can do.

Seen from the slimming tubs, I cannot blame the French or even the Russians for having some misgivings about the future plans of this Adenauer.

With one exception my fellow patients are supporters of Chancellor A. Two of them were even financial backers of his recent election campaign.

In the view of Whitehall and the State Department, therefore, they are good Europeans, good democrats; Germans who, like the old Chancellor himself, believe in peace and have given up the dreams of domination they had under Hitler.

NEXT TUB

BUT here is what the tub next to mine had to say one morning: "Well, this is just as I said it would be. The conference is breaking down. And if you ask me there's not much harm in that. Rather the reverse."

"Eisenhower won't wait any longer now for those wretched French to agree to our rearmament. He'll go ahead with it whether they like it or don't."

"And with the Americans behind us we shall become the power that keeps order in Europe and sets the tone."

He had used to describe that power—the old Nazi word "Ordnungsmacht"—which all of us thought had died in 1945.

Harmless that you think? Jolly good of the Germans to want to be Western Europe's school prefects and lord of the Eastern Marches, if no one else will take the job?

Well, let me remind you of the true meaning of Ordnungsmacht, which is political machine by man of the frequently in German political discussions, or "Himmler" gave of the explanation in his speech at the Nuremberg trial on August 2, 1941, in which he was trying to show the

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BADEN-BADEN. And that is how the Berlin conference comes: a picture of my slimming. So I am most grateful to Her Royal Highness. (I surely don't have to call the youngest of a king's 15 wives Her Majesty?) and that little door.

You insist on knowing how H.R.H. and that door forced me into this? An undignified story.

I went to call on the King of the Shilluks at Fashoda in the Southern Sudan. He received me in the form of his capital, a magnificent black sheet thrown like a toga over his ebony shoulders.

Beckoning me to follow, he ducked quickly through the narrow three-foot door to his round, thatched-roofed palace and stood waiting to receive me.

In I ducked—and got stuck. The king tugged from within, the court shoved

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★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

LOOK OUT, NEW YORK, HERE'S A MIGHTY CITY COMING UP

Chicago, Tuesday.

IT seemed to me as soon as I arrived here that Chicago had not changed. I got off the Commodore Vanderbilt at La Salle Street station and bought the Tribune.

On the front page was a cartoon looking rather like a child's water-colour in yellow, blue, brown, and

green. It showed a youthful, handsome Senator McCarthy and a dignified, statesmanlike Senator Bricker being splattered with mud and it was captioned "Do something pro-American and you get the works."

An accompanying report said that the Bricker Amendment, which wants to take away the President's treaty-making power, "is intended to prevent foreigners from gaining control of American domestic affairs."

Frightened

DEAR Colonel McCormick and his ferocious Tribune! So you were frightened that "foreigners" were out to control big-muscled, full-bellied, fabulously wealthy Americans.

Which foreigners? The little Belgians; the dour Dutch; the subtle French; the Icelanders? No. Just foreigners, with a sidelong glance or two at the scheming British.

After a few days here I have discovered, however, that the Colonels' fears are not shared by many Chicagoans.

There is considerable debate over the Bricker Amendment, but anger over the price of coffee (now 75¢ a lb.) over-

shadowed it.

I have not found Chicago

frightened about anything, though some citizens are uneasy about sinister, but unnamed, "Reds and Communies."

Certainly there is little fear about a recession—far less than in New York or Philadelphia. This is the capital of the heart-land of America, and it sees itself growing bigger and stronger all the time, perhaps even one day outstripping New York.

I asked a group of businessmen with whom I shared a station-wagon along the Lake Shore Drive: "What about the depression talk?"

They blew clouds of cigarette smoke indignantly.

One said: "It's talk, that's all it is. Talk. America is not overproduced. It is underconsumed. There's an unlimited market right here in the Middle West."

There is no doubt the boom is continuing here, with perhaps a slight leveling-off, and the only thing Chicagoans are willing to consider in their most pessimistic moments, which are few, is something called a "recession de luxe."

Beautiful phrase

THIS is a beautiful phrase, and I suppose it means a steak weighing three-quarters of a pound each person instead of a pound, and three bourbons-and-water instead of four.

When the figures came out the other day saying that unemployment in the United States was up 800,000 in January, making a total of nearly 2,500,000, I suppose my friends here said: "It's a beautiful phrase, that's all."

As for the great political convention, the Chicago Convention, I have not found Chicago

I have looked around me and I have seen free spending, big eating, thirsty drinking almost everywhere. The hotels, the restaurants, the night-clubs are crammed with people.

As I'm here for pleasure as well as work I have toured the night spots. They are bigger and more lavish than anything in New York, London or Paris.

Raw town

THIS is a raw town, but the police are not strict. Some of the dancers in the clubs and burlesque houses would make an interesting study for Dr. Kinsey. I should not like to take my old mother or my maiden aunt to them.

The great stores and the small shops are full of customers, but instead of concentrating on winter clearances the merchants are pressing autumn sales with vigour and showmanship.

Traffic in the city and outskirts is dense, and already the 1954 cars are appearing along the roads. My taxi-driver said, when I mentioned this: "We get things here first and we do them first. This city has New York looked-you from New York!"

When I said I was in a way he became silent. Then I added that actually England was my home, and he brightened and said: "I was there in the war, in Plymouth. I like England, and I'm not kidding you or trying to get a big tip. I'm half-British myself. You'll find the British are well liked here."

And I have. The old idea that Chicago is the citadel of isolationism and the headquarters of anti-British feeling is as dead as the crystal ball.

As for the great political convention, the Chicago Convention, I have not found Chicago

President Eisenhower's stock is high and growing higher, and although Adlai Stevenson comes from near these parts he is regarded by some as a bit too brilliant to have mass appeal.

But not by my old friend Marshall Field, Jr., publisher and editor of the Chicago Sun Times and a descendant of Chicago's greatest merchant prince.

Marshall took me to lunch and said he had rarely known a political situation more interesting. The Sun Times and Marshall are enlightened, progressive, dead against the Bricker Amendment, strong for the United Nations and international co-operation. Britain hasn't a better friend anywhere.

Marshall and his wife, Kay, asked me about alleged anti-American feeling in Britain. I admitted there was some, but nothing to get alarmed about. Mr. Bevan and now Mr. Driberg possibly get more space here than they deserve.

Bigger booms

IN Chicago itself there is a bright hope of even bigger booms. Now that the Lawrence Waterway plans look like going through, Chicago will probably become the nearest big deep-water port to the heart of America, drawing off huge business from the East coast ports.

What about crime and gangsters? They still flourish, but mobsters no longer rule the town as they did in the Capone era.

There is a murder a day and more, but in a population so mixed, racially, socially, it is hard to suppress.

Prohibition, the only one of the old laws that still exists, is being abolished.

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HONGKONG CHINESE BEAT COMBINED SERVICES 3-2 IN MEMORIAL CUP MATCH

By I. M. MacTAVISH

For the second time in a few days the Memorial Cup has inspired the competing teams to provide some grand football entertainment. The issue as far as the result was concerned was in doubt until the final whistle although there was never any doubt as to which was the better side.

The Chinese boys played more pure football in this game than they have done for a long time... but Oh!!... what finishing. They made opening after opening and then threw them away. If they had turned just half of them to account there would have been a very definite balance in their favour long before the end.

The Services side played well considering that they have so little change to get together as a team. They had bright spells when they gave just as good as they got... but there were other times when only Granger, and a generous notion of good fortune, saved them from real disaster.

The game opened brightly enough and even in the early stages the Chinese showed that they were right on form. The left wing, from South China had their best game in weeks and the inter-changing of Mok Chun-wah and Yui Cheuk-yin was often brilliant.

In spite of this clever work the balance of play was in favour of the Services and it was really no surprise when Morgan opened the scoring in the 17th minute.

It did not take the local boys long to get back on level terms and Chu Wing-keung applied the necessary finishing touch to some combined play in the 22nd minute. A few minutes later he notched another to put his side in the lead.

Just after this Yui Cheuk-yin was unfortunate to have what

looked to be a good goal chalked off. The linesman gave his O.K. to the goal but the referee who was just behind the play disallowed the goal for off-side.

In the second half the Chinese team held the upper hand but they never managed to make the best use of the opportunities that came their way.

WINNING GOAL

Midway through the half Bennett was right on the spot to turn a cross from Tomlinson into the net, but the hopes of the Services side were quickly dashed when Yui Cheuk-yin, all on his own in the goal-mouth, had plenty of time to bring a cross from Mok Chun-wah under control and slip it into the corner of the net for the winning goal.

The Chinese boys played some delightful football but King Lok-sang just could not finish off the movements and it is doubtful if he has ever missed so many chances in one game before. In a tremendous melee in the goalmouth towards the end of the match he managed to smash a first time shot onto the

top of the grandstand from four yards out!!

Hau Yung-mang, had a very poor game but Lau Yee was in his best Colonial form. Wing halves Chan Fai-hung and Tong Shing-ai attacked and defended brilliantly and Fung Sai-chow, who deputised for Ko Keung, did very well against the ever-vigilant Bennett.

Yui Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah were the top forward stars although Chu Wing-keung had a very good first half and his goals were well taken.

The Services side suffered badly from the fact that full-backs Davies and Frith lay too wide and square. Davies kicked and tackled with lots of confidence but he was often caught out of position by a very clever left wing.

Stevens, who was playing his last game in the Colony, was a tireless worker from start to finish, but Fraser had an unhappy game due to the wide positioning of the backs. Martin defended stoutly but he was seldom seen as an attacking force and the right wing suffered in consequence.

In the forward line Glibbey had his best representative game for some time while newcomer Toth showed lots of ability, but gave up the chase too easily after losing the ball.

Neither Tomlinson nor Morgan played to form on the wings. The diminutive right winger crossed the balls that brought both his side's goals but he, like Morgan, sent far too many balls behind the goal. Bennett chased every ball but he was well policed by the Chinese defence and got few chances to have a shot at Tam Nai-huen in goal.

VERDICT: This was very good soccer entertainment. The big crowd several times showed disapproval of Referee Wilcock's decisions, yet on each occasion I thought he was correct in his award. But, unfortunately, I was not in a good position to comment on the disallowed goal. This was the first time for many weeks that we have had the pleasure of seeing traditional local inter-passing and it made very pleasant watching.

THE TEAMS

Combined Services: Granger; Davies, Frith; Martin, Fraser, Stevens; Tomlinson, Toth, Bennett, Glibbey, Morgan.

Hongkong Chinese: Tam Nai-huen; Yui Cheuk-yin, Fung Sai-chow, Chan Fai-hung, Fung Sai-chow, Tong Shing-ai, Ho Ying-fung, Chu Wing-keung, King Lok-sang, Yui Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

POSTPONED MATCHES

The following postponed First Division matches have been scheduled:

South China v. Eastern, Feb. 23, 4.15 p.m.; Caroline Hill v. Eastern, Feb. 23, 4.15 p.m.; Eastern v. Wai, Feb. 23, 4.15 p.m.; Boundary St. Referee, R. J. Roberts; Linesmen, F. Gordon, W. Vaughan.

Army v. Sing Tao, Feb. 23, 4.15 p.m.; Club Referee, T. G. Turner; Linesmen, A. K. Barnett, Wong King-chung.

The following are the official league tables issued by the H.K.F.A. as up to February 12, and brought up to date to include the matches played last week-end.

LEAGUE STANDINGS			
1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division	4th Division
Army	10	8	3
South China	10	8	3
Caroline Hill	10	8	3
Eastern	10	8	3
Wai	10	8	3
Club	10	8	3
C.A.A.	10	8	3
Navy	10	8	3
St. Joseph's	10	8	3

At the close of the first day's play the MCC had made 414 for the loss of three wickets.

The fourth wicket stand between Watson and Graveney had realised 363 runs at the drawing of stumps.

The profitable partnership came after Len Hutton, Peter May and Denis Compton had been dismissed cheaply.

THE SCOREBOARD
MCC, 1st Innings
W. Watson, not out... 234
L. Hutton, c. G. Glibbs b. Hector... 0
P. May, c. Glibbs b. Hector... 0
D. Compton, b. L. Glibbs... 18
T. Graveney, not out... 182
Extras... 1
Total (for 3 wickets) 414

Fall of wickets — 1/8: 2/21: 3/51.

Bowling to Date	O	M	R	W
Hector	21	1	100	2
Carson	21	2	77	0
Seaford	19	4	70	1
L. Glibbs	5	0	32	0
Basdeo	3	0	23	0
Thomas	3	0	23	0
G. Glibbs	3	0	23	0
Christians	3	0	20	0

"JET STEEL" TO BE TRIED ON CRESTA RUN



Heat-resisting jet engine steel is to be used in a new type of toboggan for the famous Cresta Run at St. Moritz. British experts may thus be able to lower the record for the run, which has stood for 16 years.

The enthusiast behind the toboggan is 29-year-old Hugh Wentworth Ping, an executive at Fifth Vickers, who make the steel for the Swift, Valiant and Viscount Aircraft.

Mr. Ping said: "My toboggan is of conventional design. The secret is in the steel. The entire chassis is constructed of steel which is used in the jet pipe of the Valiant's engine. It is incredibly tough stuff, and toughness is an important factor on the Cresta Run, when you may be doing eighty miles an hour."

The record for the course is 45.2 seconds, made in 1937 by the late William Fiske, an American.—Express Photo.

The Little Men Of The Fight Game Are Going To Have A Busy Time

By GEORGE WHITING

Little man, you are going to have a busy day—with the blessing of Jack Solomons.

Promoter Solomons, nut-browed by the sun of Miami and Havana, has returned home with 101 tales calculated to show us the shape of things to come (he hopes) in the more or less noble art of self-defence.

Solomons talks of cash deals with Cuba, of propping up Yachio Sibral, and of a world title chance for heavy-weight Don Cockell. But the little man of the fight game, the flyweights, the bantams and the featherweights, have promised Solomons that any tiny tots he can send over will be adequately compensated in dollars.

HE-MAN MIDGETS

Could it be that a flyweight looms as large as a heavyweight on a commercial TV screen in the land of a thousand networks? Well now, let us see what we have in the way of he-man midgets to offer the potentates of New York's International Boxing Club.

Flyweights and bantamweights have long been considered a box-office blight on the other side of the Atlantic, but if the Americans are serious in their intent they could do worse than start with the cute little chocolate drop from South Africa, Jake Tull. That baby fellow would slay them on 40th Street.

Johannesburg's Jake, champion of the Empire at eight stone, cherishes an understandable ambition to argue world

title matters with Tokyo's Yachio Sibral, and manager Jim Wickes would walk all the way if the IBC could persuade the Japanese holder to travel—which is more than we have been able to do.

TITLE TALK

But Tull is no supplicant for American largesse. He has positions plenty nearer home. There was talk of him dethroning his Empire title against Terry Aiken.

And promoter Stan Baker is seeking a Continental flyweight for him to play with at the Royal Albert Hall on February 23. Scotland's Peter Keanan would have got the job, but at £2,000, his rates came too high. Another flyweight the Americans have been making inquiries about is Dai Dover, the Welsh cherub the Queen took pity on when he was setting off for the Olympic Games in Helsinki. Such a frail little lad to get knocked about in the ring!

Her Majesty need not have felt so concerned. Dover, a minor in the Jimmy Wilde tradition, has polished off all 13 of his opponents since he turned professional. But, at 20, he is not yet ready for export. Plenty of time for overseas duckouts when he has tried his hand in the Allen-Marsden class.

BOVO WITH BRAINS

The Americans say they would also like to see out brand-new and unbeaten bantamweight champion from Belfast, 22-year-old John Kelly. If they get him, I would advise them not to pull any "strokes"—for this boyo has boxing brains.

Kelly it was who, in the European amateur championships on a blustery day in Milan, refused to leave the warmth of his dressing-room to take part in a "parade of the nations"—where in his rivals were doing their best to catch pneumonia.

Half an hour later, he was making rings round England's half-frozen Tommy Nicholls in one of the finest "all-south-paw" scraps I have ever seen.

Featherweight exports might meet a tougher and better-established market—as did champion Ronnie Clayton when he bumped into a Tom Collins in Boston 15 months ago. But he earned money, and that, I take it, is the great idea.

Stepney's Sammy McCarthy, who shoots at Clayton's title at Harringay this month, and Belfast's "Spider" Kelly, who meets European champion Jean

Sneyers the same evening, would both compare favourably with some of the featherweights I have seen performing in the rings and gymnasiums of New York.

PEP SERIAL

Willie Pep, former world champion—now awaiting a renewal of his rough-house serial with Sandy Saddler—is said to be "intrigued" at the prospect of entertaining any British featherweight capable of rattling the box-office till.

And so on... Promoter Solomons accounts himself enchanted with the dollar-visa opening up before the little men of the British ring. Me too. But I cannot resist the reminder that, up till now, most of the transatlantic boxing traffic has been a one-way flow—eastwards. Turpin, Woodcock, Cockell and Clayton have collected a few shekels, but I still think those Americans owe us a bit.

(London Express Service)

OXFORD MEET CAMBRIDGE ON SUNDAY

The Oxford and Cambridge Annual Cricket match will be played on Sunday at Chater Road and will commence at 11.30 a.m. The following are the teams selected to represent the respective Universities:

Oxford: Dr L. T. Ride, G. T. Rowe, S. V. Gittins, L. Todd, G. A. Goodman, K. Lo, Major J. Slater, Capt. H. C. Ealand, F. L. Leigh-Bennett, Mr Justice C. W. Rees, W. Cdr. G. Cory, Prof. E. C. Blunden.

Cambridge: P. V. Dodge, R. W. Franklin, B. J. Barlow, R. J. C. Howes, J. M. Shashoua, A. Hooton Q.C., J. P. Asprey, A. D. Reiss, M. Guilford, J. L. Madden, A. St. G. Walton, Umpire—F. Marshall, W/O Horrie, R.A.F. Scorer—K. W. Adam.

Hungarians Beat Northeast China

London, Feb. 16. The Hungarian soccer team visiting Communist China beat a Chinese Northeastern XI by three goals to one at Peking yesterday, according to Peking Radio.

At half time the Hungarians led 2-1.—Router.

OVER THE OCEAN

By HENRY LONGHURST

London.

The first few insidious trickles from the burst pipes being the only evidence of the great thaw which the experts erroneously declared to be creeping southward, and the thought of golf being still too painful to contemplate on this side of the Atlantic, I turn my attention to the other, where Jack Redmond, successor to Joe Kirkwood as the world's leading trickshot artist, has an interesting theory to disclose.

Redmond, who can do everything to a golf ball bar make it talk, as I can testify from seeing a recent film of his, is a true friend of the people, and an enemy only to such of us as write obscure technical treatises on the golf swing, all of which—since "golf is as natural as walking," when "you don't think of your hip working with your ankle, do you?"—he deems to be over-complicated bunk.

Every day in the winter to keep his grooved swing Redmond stands in front of his television set swinging his arms and body to and fro as though swinging a golf club. "Watching the TV," he says, "keeps my mind still, I swing about 800 times. It's something like an exaggerated swing of a bashful little girl. I don't think of whether my hips are turning right or whether my left arm is straight. I don't think of anything except an easy smooth swing."

A MIRROR GOLFER

"You can get the same effect swinging before a mirror. That will tell you whether or not your head is maine still or your shoulders dip. Get to be a mirror golfer and you get to be a champion, I say."

Redmond and his new use for television—"head down and keep your eye on the Duchess"—are among many items of latest, grave and gay, which catch the eye in the transatlantic scene.

There comes, for instance, the sad intelligence that John Montague, now aged 46, the fabulous rake—shovel—and baseball-bat golfer, who was said to knock birds off telegraph wires with brassy shots, lies dangerously ill in a Los Angeles hospital.

Montague's story is perhaps the most fantastic in the game's history. Twenty years ago his fame spread from California even to this country, but nobody seemed really to know anything about him. You never met anyone who had seen a ghost—or anyone who does not know someone else who has. So it was with Montague. "The Phantom of the Fairways" and "The Sphinx of the Links" they called him. When Press photographers took his picture he broke their cameras.

At last an amateur snapped him and sold the picture to a paper, much to the delight of the Sheriff of Essex County, N.Y., who identified him as a bad boy from Syracuse, called La Verne Moore, and promptly charged him with holding up a local roadhouse.

Montague's mother declared him to have been in bed at the time, the victim failed to identify him and he was acquitted, whereupon 10,000 people paid a dollar apiece to watch him in an exhibition match with Mrs. Zaharias. Finally, the glamour was such that he was pressed into entering for the Open, but alas, there the saga ends. He took 81 and failed to qualify.

News of other people's misfortunes from golf to slipping on a banana skin never fails to appeal to the British sense of humour, so I report without the sympathy which I am sure it deserves, that Judge B.F. Van Dyke, of Sacramento, in the first recorded accident in one of those electric buggies in which American golfers delight to ride between shots, broke a leg—an incident as unfortunate as the learned gentleman's initials.

AMONG THE BOOKS
Misfortune of a lighter kind also overtook Ed ("Porky") Oliver, the Ryder Cup player, who was so cross at being left out of the singles at Wentworth that he would not come to the dinner.

Perhaps the most widely photographed golf hole in the world is the 18th at Cypress Point, a 220-yard shot directly over the Pacific Ocean, where, incidentally, when I played it, my caddy picked nine balls out of the seaweed, all of them nibbled by crabs.

Poor Mr. Oliver, playing in Bing Crosby's 10,000 dollar charity tournament, was going nicely when his drive at this hole fell among the rocks.

So did the next, and so did the next, whereupon, rather than play seven from the tee he decided to press on with the first one. Stout Oliver, hacking about

on the Pacific shore, reached the green in 14, when, to complete the story, he ought to have taken three putts but in fact only took two. He can, however, tell his grandchildren that he was the only professional in history to do the 10th in 10.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE SPORTS

Five records were broken at the St. Paul's College Annual Interclass Athletic Meet at the South China Stadium yesterday, which resulted in the Form 8A boys annexing the Interclass Challenge Cup with a total of 38 points.

The individual champions were Chan Kwai-chung from the A grade with a total of 18 points, Dennis Chan in the B grade with a total of 9 points and Desmond Yee in the C grade with 12 points.

There was little outstanding in the various events and athletes, except in the C grade where no less than three of the five records broken came from Desmond Yee was the outstanding athlete of the day when he came first in the 100 and 200 metres dash, the long jump, second in the high jump and third in the shot put.

A special word of praise must be offered to those responsible for the arrangements as the meet went well on schedule and finished half an hour before the estimated time.

Prizes for the winners will be distributed at a later date in the school.

The following are the results:

A' Grade Events
100 metres—1. Lam Wing-sun; 2. Eddie Leung; 3. Chan Kwai-chung. Time: 18 sec.
200 metres—1. Chan Kwai-chung; 2. Eddie Leung; 3. Lam Wing-sun. Time: 38 sec.
400 metres—1. Law Kwok-yan; 2. Chan Kwai-chung; 3. Eddie Leung. Time: 1:15 sec.
800 metres—1. Ng Kon-choi; 2. Chan Kwai-chung; 3. Ng Ka-wai. Time: 2:45 sec.
1,600 metres (open)—1. Ng Kon-choi; 2. Chan Kwai-chung; 3. Eddie Leung. Time: 5:23 sec.
10 metres High Hurdles—1. Lam Wing-sun; 2. Ng Yee-tok; 3. Mok Shui-tai. Distance: 30 ft.
Height: 5 ft. 2 in.
Long Jump—1. Lam Wing-sun; 2. Chan Kwai-chung; 3. Wong Chi-pui. Distance: 18 ft. 6 in.
Shot Put (12 lb.)—1. Chan Kwai-chung; 2. Ng Yee-tok; 3. Mok Shui-tai. Distance: 30 ft.

B' Grade Events
100 metres—1. Cheung Chung; 2. Lai Fong; 3. Dennis Chan. Time: 13 sec.
200 metres—1. Dennis Chan; 2. Mok Yee-hoo; 3. Tang Shou-yan. Time: 28 sec.
400 metres—1. Yeung Shu-bun; 2. Lai Choy-yun; 3. Lee Hor-chung. Time: 1:15 sec.
800 metres—1. Lee Ka-lau; 2. Shen Kai-chung; 3. Cheung Chung. Time: 2:45 sec.
1,600 metres—1. Yeung Shu-bun; 2. Lai Choy-yun; 3. Kwok Ying-hoo. Distance: 30 ft.
Shot Put (8 lb.)—1. Han Chi-ming; 2. Dennis Chan; 3. Tai Sun-chi. Distance: 22 ft.

C' Grade Events
100 metres—1. Desmond Yee; 2. David Fong; 3. Kwok-kong. Time: 14 sec. (Record).
200 metres—1. Desmond Yee; 2. Poon Man-chung; 3. Ho Kwok-kong. Time: 30 sec. (Record).
400 metres—1. Poon Man-chung; 2. Desmond Yee; 3. Kwok Yuen-hung. Distance: 30 ft. (Record).
800 metres—1. Desmond Yee; 2. Poon Man-chung; 3. Chu Ka-huen. Distance: 1:40 sec. (Record).
1,600 metres—1. Desmond Yee; 2. Poon Man-chung; 3. Poon Man-chung. Shot Put (8 lb.)—1. Poon Man-chung; 2. David Fong; 3. Desmond Yee. Distance: 22 ft.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1954 to the 19th March, 1954, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, February 18, 1954.

Asi New UK Envoy Leaves for Tehran

Russia Woos Iran: "Yes We Do Owe You 11 Tons Of Gold"

Tehran, Feb. 17.

Russia warmed up its bid for Iranian friendship today just as Britain's new Ambassador flew off from London to lead Western efforts to solve the dispute over Iran's vital oil reserves.

The latest Soviet move was a belated admission that Russia owes its southern neighbour 11 tons of gold.

The disputed billion-blocked since the war's end in Russia—was a major point of dispute in lengthy negotiations now underway between the two Governments on complicated border and financial issues.

Soviet negotiators, meeting at the Iranian Foreign Ministry, timed the move with the departure from London of Sir Robert Bannister, the new British Ambassador to Tehran.

Sir Robert, the first British Ambassador to come here since ousted Premier Mohammed Mossadegh seized British oil properties and severed diplomatic relations, said on departing that "the first problem is obviously the oil settlement."

He added: "I have no definite plans for the oil talks. But I have hopes that some steps will be taken soon."

AIOC CANNOT RETURN

He revealed that "exploratory talks" already had been initiated by the Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Denis Wright, who re-opened the British Legation this year.

after Premier Fazlollah Zahedi restored diplomatic ties.

But the difficult task of priming Iran's rich petroleum pumps was underlined anew today by Press reports that Premier Zahedi himself said that he would never permit the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to return to Iran.

It was the AIOC which developed the vast oil reserves in Iran and built at Abadan what was before its closing the world's biggest refinery.

Compensation for its seized properties and marketing arrangements for resumed production are the major issues in the oil negotiations.

Press reports said that Premier Zahedi disclosed his views on the AIOC at a meeting last night with his American oil adviser, Thorvald Rieber, and 20 Western experts representing eight international oil firms interested in marketing Iranian oil.

They flew to Iran to inspect Abadan and the oilfields while their companies—three of them American—negotiated on marketing in London.—United Press.

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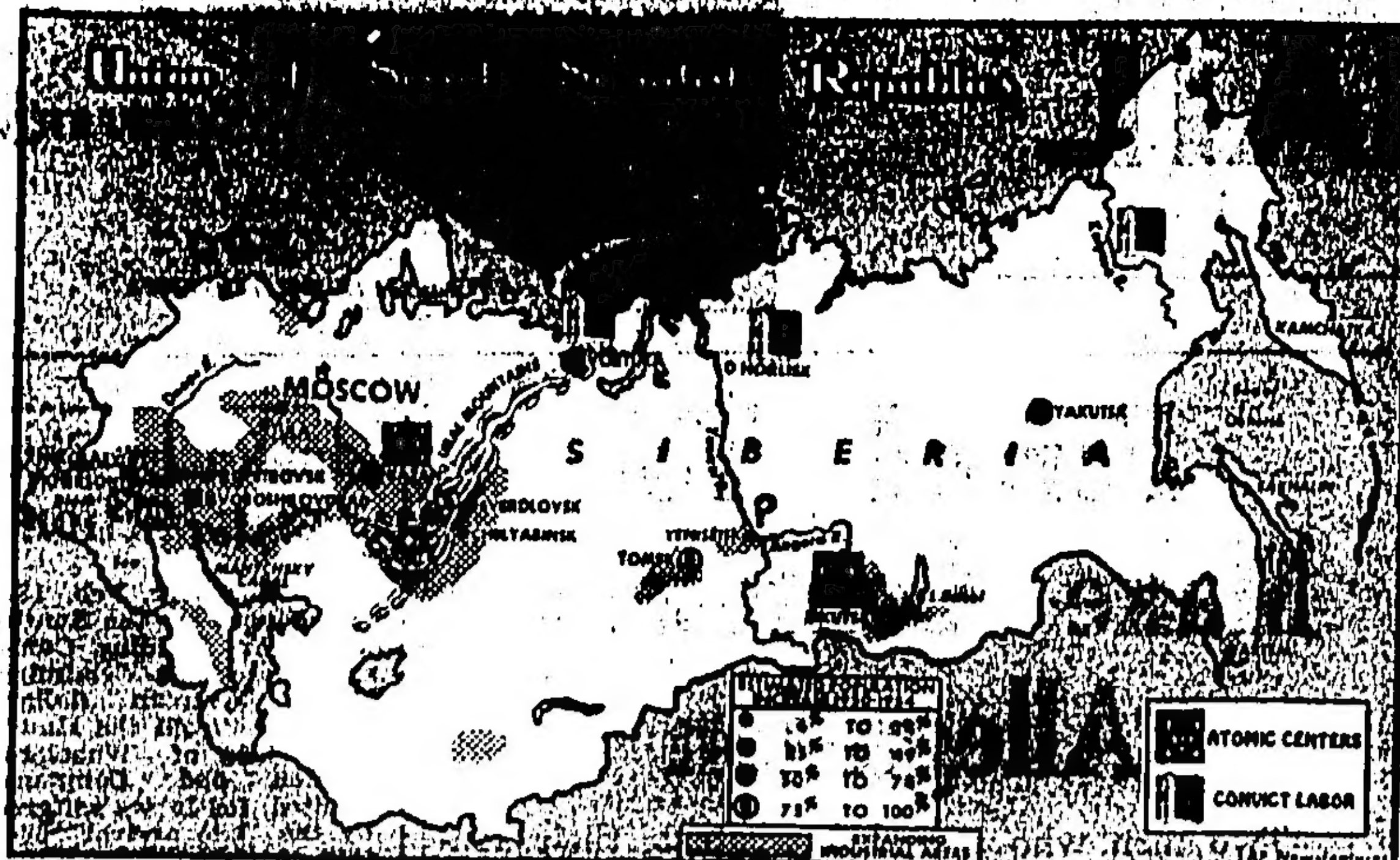
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Strategic Industries Are Booming In Russia's 'Outback'

By Tom Whitney, Former Associated Press Correspondent in Moscow

New York.

The latest indications of Soviet population shifts reveal that strategic industry areas in the USSR—including probable atomic weapons centres—are booming.

Russian affairs specialists in this country are studying the implications of the reallocation of Soviet electoral districts based on population changes which was announced in the Soviet paper Pravda a few days ago. They found some startling results.

The most sensational development turned up by comparing election districts for 1950 with those for this year is the news that the population in Angara River districts just east of Lake Baikal has taken a tremendous leap upward. It is in this area that the Soviets are rumoured to be constructing a tremendous hydro-electric power and atomic energy development.

They're Trying To Make England Flood-Proof

London, Feb. 17.

Britain has reached the half-way mark in her campaign to repair a 1,000-mile stretch of East Coast sea defences, which were breached at 1,200 points by the raging floods of early last year.

Months of intense reconstruction work have so far cost the British Government £20 million sterling. The breaches have been blocked. Thousands of workmen have built up and strengthened sea walls protecting densely populated areas.

Through the programme will not be complete until later this year, engineering experts are confident that defences can now withstand another onslaught from the North Sea.

High Spring tides are forecast for February and March but weathermen here report that the chances of last year's disaster being repeated are remote.

For the floods, which rushed over the East Coast, killing more than 300 people on the night of January 31-February 1 last year were unusual. A howling gale lashed the North Sea into fury, hurling frothing waves nearly 600 feet long against the sea defences at a time when the spring tides were at their maximum.

Together, tides and gales did what was believed to be impossible, pounding the concrete walls of the sea coast and dykes until they crumbled.

In one night, some 100,000 acres were covered by the sea. 24,000 houses were damaged, 200 major industrial plants were inundated, 14 major gas and electricity installations crippled and eleven main roads made impassable.

Over 1,000 head of cattle, 9,000 sheep, 2,500 pigs and 33,500 head of poultry were killed.

Fill the Breaches

Thirty thousand rescue workers, including 15,000 troops, went in to save people trapped in their homes and begin back-breaking battle to fill the breaches.

Within a few hours, repair work was under way, threatened by more high tides. But the main danger was over, and the work of patching up the coastline was able to continue.

In the first six weeks, work costing £6 million sterling was carried out. Fifteen million sandbags, tens of thousands of tons of stone and steel sheet piling were used to build up the defences.

Engineers faced significant problems. In east Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire, the sand dunes which had previously provided a natural defence against the sea, were washed away.

On Chiswick Island, in the estuary of the river Thames, where 25 people were killed in one of the worst-hit areas, the

Two new electoral districts have been formed in this area which means there are at least 600,000 more people there now than four years ago. This is a very large increase for such an undeveloped region and amounts to an increase of 50 per cent in less than half a decade.

This lends weight to the statements made by repatriated Japanese war prisoners who worked in this area and other indications that the Russians are hard at work harnessing for use in atomic energy work the cheap manna of energy of the Angara River as it flows from Lake Baikal over swift rapids to its confluence with the Yenisei River.

Another very large Soviet population increase is shown in the Donbass-Ukraine industrial complex in the Ukraine where steel, coal, chemicals, electric power, machinery and war equipment are produced in great quantities. Apparently there are now 1,500,000 more people there than four years ago.

Two Soviet navy bases and naval construction districts on the Black Sea are shown to have risen in population by 600,000 in the last four years. They are Nikolayevsk and Kherson.

Big metal-working, metallurgical and coal mining centres in the Urals have increased in population by around a million since 1950. The Urals during the war became the principal arsenal of the Soviet army.

Other Places

Here are some other places in Russia where population has risen rapidly:

TOBOLSK in central Siberia, which is a centre of scientific research.

KAZAN on the Volga River where the Russians moved their atomic research. Immediately after the war and where they have aircraft factories including at least one producing heavy bombers.

VOROTKA beyond the Arctic Circle in the extreme northeast corner of European Russia where with convict labour the Russians have been developing coal mining and oil fields.

THE YAKUTSK REPUBLIC in northern Siberia. Rich in minerals including gold. The KOLYMA RIVER area which also has large deposits of gold and minerals and has been a centre of convict labour under the Ministry of Internal Affairs (the police).

THE KAMCHATKA RIVER valley including Norilsk, a nickel mining centre in the far north, and Yenisei, where large developments of an unknown character are being pushed.

AKTOM coal mining area near Yuzovka in the far east.

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JAPAN MUST COMPETE WITH UK CLOTH TRADE

Exports This Year May Reach 1,000 Million Yards

Nagoya, Feb. 17.

The Chairman of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association Mr Kyjiro Abe, estimates that Japan's cotton cloth export this year will equal last year's figure of 910,000,000 yards, or at the most attain 1,000 million yards.

He gave this view when he arrived in Nagoya yesterday to explain the capital increase carried out by the Toyo Spinning Company of which he is President. He said that in line with exports achieved last year, the J.C.S.A. has asked the Ministry of International Trade and Industry to guarantee 200,000 bales of cotton monthly for cotton cloth production.

Although the Anglo-Japanese trade and payments agreement now permits Japan to export cotton cloth up to a figure of £209,000,000, Japan, Mr Abe said, already has exported £145 million worth of cotton cloth to the United Kingdom.

This meant that Japan would have to negotiate separately with British autonomous possessions to clear the remaining amount, Mr Abe said, adding, however, that this would not be done as Japanese goods would have to compete with high quality British products.

As to exports to Indonesia, Mr Abe said Japan exported 300 million yards of cotton cloth to that country during last year, to which amounted to excess export.

He felt some steps should be taken to curtail such exports to Indonesia as the latter may consider such excess export as falling under reparations and they may not be settled.

Mr Abe said that international demand for cotton cloth had now reached the consumption limit, and there is the need for spinners voluntarily to limit the increase of their spindles.

He believed that Japanese cotton cloth makers from now on should concentrate on manufacturing high grade cloth which could compete with British goods.—China Mail Special.

New Capital From USA

Washington, Feb. 17.

A new United States programme to stimulate the flow of dollar capital to Japan, and industries will be set up by the end of this month, American officials reported today.

It is the investment guarantee programme for United States businessmen, banks and investment corporations who plan to invest or extend their present holdings in Japan.

Agreement to begin the programme will be formalised by an exchange of notes between the United States and Japanese Governments in Tokyo in a week or ten days, according to officials in Washington.

The guarantee programme was started by the United States in 1951 to protect American investors against loss of capital through nationalisation of industry and against certain other possible hazards in Western European countries.

The officials said the agreement for Japan would insure the United States investors against:

1. Risk of nationalisation or expropriation of an industry by the Japanese Government.

2. Loss resulting from any change in Japanese investment laws which might affect the rate at which Americans are allowed to withdraw capital or profits in dollars to the United States.

The official said certain technical understandings had to be worked out with the Japanese negotiators in Tokyo, but no obstacle appeared to be in the way of the formal exchange of notes by the end of the month.

It is understood the Japanese Government will undertake to:

1. Recognise the right of the United States Government to assume the claim of an American investor receiving compensation through the guarantee programme.

2. Permit the United States to use for administrative expenses in Japan any yen paid by the Japanese Government to settle claim for compensation.

3. Enter into direct negotiation if the United States is dissatisfied with the amount of compensation paid after nationalisation of an industry or change in investment laws.

4. Request an arbitrator to give a binding ruling in the case of dispute.

5. Submit the question of an arbitrator to the President of the World Court at The Hague if the two Governments are unable to choose one within three months.—China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Chicago, Feb. 17.

Prices per bushel in cents.

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